

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 15-19, 22, 25-39, all as shown below.

Claims 1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Amended): A unitary spring system end cap for supporting an article, comprising:
a platform adapted to support at least a portion of the article, the platform being generally arranged in a first plane; and
a sidewall structure including:
an inner wall connected with said platform,
an outer wall forming an acute angle relative to a second plane perpendicular to said first plane,
a spring system connected between said inner wall and said outer wall, and
a rib protruding from said outer wall a distance that varies along a gap between the second plane and the outer wall such that a contact surface of the rib is generally parallel to the second plane and generally perpendicular to the first plane; and
wherein the spring system is operably connected with the rib.

4. (Previously Amended): The unitary spring system end cap as recited in claim 3, wherein when the at rib is impacted, the rib can engage the spring system.

5. (Previously Amended): The unitary spring system end cap as recited in claim 3, wherein said sidewall structure includes a plurality of said spring systems formed end to end, wherein each spring system is connected with said outer wall along a ridge forming a plurality of arcs connected end to end along the length of said sidewall structure.

6. (Canceled)

Claims 7-14. (Canceled)

Claims 15-19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Amended): A system for supporting an article, comprising:

a first end cap including:

a first platform portion adapted to support a first portion of the article, the first platform being generally arranged in a first plane;

a sidewall structure having:

a first inner wall connected with said first platform portion and surrounding the periphery of said first platform portion;

a first outer wall forming an acute angle relative to an axis perpendicular to said first plane and surrounding the periphery of said first inner wall;

at least one first spring system connected between said first inner wall and said first outer wall, each of said at least one first spring system including at least one bellows; and

at least one first rib protruding from said first outer wall; and

a second end cap including:

a second platform portion adapted to support a second portion of the article, the second platform being generally arranged in a second plane;

a sidewall structure having:

a second inner wall connected with said second platform portion and surrounding the periphery of said second platform portion;

a second outer wall forming an acute angle relative to an axis perpendicular to said second plane and surrounding the periphery of said second inner wall;

at least one second spring system connected between said second inner wall and said second outer wall, each of said at least one second spring system including at least one bellows; and

at least one second rib protruding from said second outer wall; and

wherein the at least one first rib and the at least one second rib have a face substantially perpendicular to one of the first and second planes.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Amended):A system, for supporting a laptop computer, comprising:

a first end cap including:

a first platform portion adapted to support a first portion of the laptop computer, the first platform being generally arranged in a first plane;

a sidewall structure having:

a first inner wall connected with said first platform portion and surrounding the periphery of said first platform portion;

a first outer wall forming an acute angle relative to an axis perpendicular to said first plane and surrounding the periphery of said first inner wall;

at least one first spring system connected between said first inner wall and said first outer wall, each of said at least one first spring system including at least one bellows; and

at least one first rib protruding from said first outer wall; and

a second end cap including:

a second platform portion adapted to support a second portion of the laptop computer, the second platform being generally arranged in a second plane;

wherein the at least one first rib and the at least one second rib have a face substantially perpendicular to one of the first and second planes.

Claims 25-28. (Canceled)

Claims 29-39 (Canceled)